Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Anamosa Raiders Kids Club **Enrollment:** 94 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 44250

Street: 203 Hamilton ST **City:** Anamosa Iowa **Zip** 52205 **County:** Jones

Mailing Address: 203 Hamilton ST, Anamosa, IA, 52205

Director's Name: Dawn Langevin **Phone Number:** 319-462-3549

On-Site Supervisor(s): Michelle Colehour **E-Mail:** dlangevin@anamosa.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 10-16-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 01-04-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			24	110	134
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons **Date:** 10-17-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Not applicable.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Anamosa Raiders Kids Club has been in operation for several years. The non-profit program is located inside Strawberry Hill Elementary School. Anamosa Raiders Kids Club operates year-round, Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6pm. The program serves preschool-age and school-age children. Current enrollment is 94.

Director of Anamosa Raiders Kids Club is Dawn Langevin. Ms. Langevin has been the director since February 2016. Ms. Langevin has a AA degree in K-12 education and Para Certification. Ms. Langevin has several years experience working with children and continues to participate in child development related training. On-site supervisor is Michelle Colehour. Ms. Colehour has been in the on-site supervisor since 2018. Ms. Colehour has a BA degree in human services, several years experience working with children, and continues to participate in child development related training.

On 10/16/2024, program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Anamosa Raiders Kids Club offers full-time and part-time childcare options to help meet the needs of preschool-age and school-age children and their families in the community. Anamosa Raiders Kids Club is well-established in a predominantly rural area and accepts a variety of funding sources.

The mission of Anamosa Raiders Kids Club is "...to provide quality school-age childcare for children and their families through beneficial and stimulating programming..."

Anamosa Raiders Kids Club has the following website for persons to to learn more about their program: https://www.anamosa.k12.ia.us/strawberry-hill/anamosa-raiders-kids-club-2/.

Ownership and management of the program has remained consistent. This includes director Ms. Langevin and on-site supervisor Ms. Colehour. Ms. Langevin just celebrated being employed with this program for 10 years, while Ms. Colehour reported celebrating 7 years of employment with this program. Congratulations to you both on longevity! Ms. Langevin is organized, and in turn, the program operates smoothly. Ms. Langevin has noteworthy systems of organization in place to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and maintained in a confidential manner. Management is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as their own program's policies and procedures. Since the last review, the family handbook was updated for the 2024-2025 school-year. Ms. Langevin discussed future goals of possible participation in IQ4K as well as TEACH and Wage$ programs.

The program continues to retain seasoned employees as well as hire a few new ones. Ms. Langevin reported having a great team of staff who are reliable and express a desire to wok with children. Program staff are invested in the community and often participate in various fun community events throughout the year. Ms. Langevin talked about their program's participation in the 2024 Anamosa Pumpkinfest Parade and handmade "graphic art" signage their parade entry included.

Anamosa Raider Kids Club has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. This program has successfully navigated through historic Jones County flooding events, 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, 8/10/20 Derecho Storm, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, 2023 air quality alerts and 7/19/24 global technology outage.

Anamosa Raiders Kids Club has a collaborative partnership with the school district. Ms. Langevin discussed how the school owns the childcare while they are also a separate entity. The program operates with the support of a board of directors. Building and grounds are well-maintained. School custodial staff, school administration, school nurse, and school food service personnel help ensure the children's space is sanitary and hazard free each day. The school kitchen is inspected at least annually by the health department. There is an AED on-site. Clever ice pack idea which emerged from collaboration between the childcare management and school nurse! Ms. Langevin expressed much gratitude for the school being highly involved (e.g. administrative assistance, employee hiring) and invested in the program's success.

The program's primary space is located in the school's gymnasium/cafeteria as well as a designated separate preschool-age classroom. Since the last review, the program made security improvements, obtained a new school-age refrigerator/freezer, preschool sleep cot partitions and outdoor shade structure. Curriculum supports a child's natural desire to explore, enjoy the outdoors, and develop new skills at their own pace (e.g. crafts, annual celebrations, science experiments, karaoke, scavenger hunts, reading corner, and homework assistance). Curriculum offers older children the opportunity to assist younger children during various activities. The program also sponsors on-site guest speaker events as well as off-site field trip experiences (e.g. River Museum, local swimming pools, Super Skate, AirFx, Penitentiary Museum, Dan and Deb's Creamery, local pumpkin farm).

Anamosa Raiders Kids Club continues efforts at optimal communication between the program/staff and families. The program has organized parent-staff/program information centers, has a place to display children's accomplishments (e.g. artwork) for families to enjoy, offers regular program newsletters, utilizes technological communication resources, and supports family programming activities. Family programming activities have included parent/program conferences and fundraiser events. Ms. Langevin discussed how her team of employees are extremely supportive of the children and families they serve as well as each other. Ms. Langevin talked about staff really enjoy getting into the games with the children, attend to the children each day, and encourage the best daily experiences.

Anamosa Raiders Kids Club collaborates well with community partners including local schools, health professionals, local childcare programs, and AEA.

Each child is engaged in a daily health check upon arrival for early detection of apparent illness, communicable disease, or unusual condition or behavior which may adversely affect the child or the group. Anamosa Raiders Kids Club has policies and procedures in place for hand washing, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Children have access to an array of materials (e.g. books, imaginative play options, building materials, crafts, soft areas) that encourage innovative play. Staff provided a companionable presence allowing children to have many choices in their play experiences (e.g. outdoor large gross motor play). Routine transitions (e.g. afterschool arrival, clean up activities) worked smoothly into the program's welcoming and cooperative play environment. Staff were overheard providing children with many words of encouragement, engaging children in much meaningful discussion, utilizing positive redirection when needed and encouraging the use of social graces. Children responded well to staff and appeared to be truly enjoying their day.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

None noted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued. Thank you for the visit.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.